Nations Secretary General's proposal for an international conference on the financing of development. This proposal was subsequently endorsed in the Ministerial declaration of the Group of 77 adopted during that meeting on 30th September 1991.

Shortage of LPG in Delhi

4706. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES:
SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an acute shortage of LPG in Delhi;

(b) if so, whether the consumers have to wait for long time for getting the gas cylinders replaced,

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) the remedial measures taken in this regard;

(e) the number of gas cylinders required per month in Delhi and the number of cylinders supplied to it during the last twelve months, month–wise; and

(f) number of gas connections in Delhi giving separate figures for domestic and commercial use?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) to (f). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

[*Translation*]

Flood Control Projects in Uttar Pradesh

4707 SHRI RAM BADAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details including the estimated cost of each of the flood control projects in Uttar Pradesh which are pending with the Union Government;

(b) the time by which those are likely to be cleared;

(c) the details of the on–going flood control projects in the State; and

(d) the benefits derived from those projects so far?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Out of 31 flood management schemes costing Rs. 80 crores received for technical appraisal, 10 schemes costing Rs. 17 crores have been recommended to the Planning Commission for approval. Observations on others, except three received recently, have been sent for compliance to the State Government.

(b) The time of clearance depends mainly on the prompt submission of satisfactory replies to the observations by the State Government.

(c) and (d). At present there are about 400 schemes for construction of marginal embankments, anti–erosion works, drainage and town protection works and an amount of Rs. 20 crores is proposed to be spent during 1991–92. The flood protection benefits derived from various projects cover an area of 14.87 lakh hectares upto the end of the VIIth Plan.

Jute Research Centres in Uttar Pradesh

4708. SHRI RAM BADAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to open Jute Research Centre in Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the number of such centres proposed to be opened alongwith their location?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Oil Refinery in Tanjore

4709. SHRI K. THULASIAH VANDAYAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set-up a new oil refinery in Tanjore;

(b) whether the Government propose to increase the royalty to Tamil Nadu and Assam on crude oil;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the plans to expand the exploration activity for oil and natural gas in the Cauvery Basin; and

(e) the total estimated crude reserves in the basin?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) M/s Madras Refineries Ltd. is setting up a 0.5 MMTPA crude distillation unit at Panangudi village in Thanjavur District.

(b) and (c). The report of the Eswaran Committee on the rate of royalty on crude oil and natural gas, appointed by Government, is under examination.

(d) and (e). In order to supplement exploration for oil and gas in the Cauvery basin, one offshore block has been offered in the Fourth Round of bidding. The recoverable reserves in this basin as on 1.1.91 are 8.31 million tonnes

[*Translation*]

Revised Price of DMS Milk Products

4710. SHRI SURAJBHANU SOLANKI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of milk, butteer and ghee marketed by Delhi Milk Scheme have been recently revised;

(b) if so, the revised rates of these products; and

(c) when the revised rates came into effect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHIR K.C. LENKA): (a) to (c). The scale price of Toned Milk marketed by DMS was revised from Rs. 4.50 to Rs. 5.00 per litre w.e.f. 14.12.90. The sale prices of Ghee and Butter were revised from 7th October, 1991 as under: